

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m. by Chairman Max K. Ehlert in Conference Room C.

PRESENT	Max K. Ehlert, Chairman	ABSENT	Ryan J. Deel
	Henry W. Allemon		
	Anita Elenbaum		
	W. Stan Godlewski		
	James C. Moseley		
	James R. Peard		
	Stephanie Robotnik, Student Rep		
	Carolyn Glosby, Asst City Attorney		
	Sergeant Thomas J. Gordon		
	Pat Gladysz		

Moved by J. Peard, seconded by J. Moseley, to EXCUSE the absent member.  
APPROVED unanimously

Moved by J. Moseley, seconded by J. Peard, to APPROVE the minutes of the January 13, 2003 meeting as printed. APPROVED unanimously

#### AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **MOTOR CITY OF TROY, INC.**, request a **new full year (quota) Class C** license with Sunday Sales and Official Permit (Food) to be located at 1949 W. Maple, Troy, MI 48084, Oakland County.

*This request was returned to the Committee by City Council for further review.*

At their February 3, 2003 meeting, the City Council made the decision to return this item to the Committee on the basis that this business does not meet the 200-seat minimum.

The Committee discussed this item and brought up several issues:

- What is the basis for the 200 seat minimum?
- Is this a guideline, or a hard-and-fast rule?
- Should transfer applicants and new applicants satisfy the same requirements?

M. Ehlert stated that this Committee needs clarification of the guidelines. He does not believe City Council should have sent this item back to the Committee.

J. Peard stated his belief that seating capacity should not dictate the granting of a license. Also, he stated that just because a restaurant has 200 seats does not mean it will succeed.

S. Godlewski stated that small establishments often have owners that are involved in the day-to-day operations.

H. Allemon stated that the 200 seat guideline was part of a 1993 Ordinance.

J. Moseley stated that the 200 seat guideline is in place so as to not promote the “corner bar” type establishments. Also, he stated that a restaurant that has seating for 200 suggests a monetary commitment by the owners.

Talal Kakish and Gjon Thaqi, owners of the Motor City Coney Café, were present at the meeting. They made a presentation to the Committee with statements and arguments to support their position.

Moved by S. Godlewski, seconded by A. Elenbaum to APPROVE the above request.  
APPROVED: 4 votes for (M. Ehlert, A. Elenbaum, S. Godlewski, J. Peard) and 2 votes against (H. Allemon, J. Moseley)

Members of the Committee have expressed a desire to form a study group with representatives from City Council to remove the “gray area” of this Resolution. Among the issues to be discussed: (1) Is the 200 seat minimum a guideline or a hard-and-fast rule? (2) Should transfer applicants and new applicants satisfy the same requirements?

C. Glosby stated that it is important that the Committee not appear to be arbitrary in their decisions.

Moved by J. Moseley, seconded by S. Godlewski, to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:21 p.m.  
APPROVED unanimously

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